

FOX WATERWAY AGENCY

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FWA UPDATE

Here is the **FINAL** signed boating portion of Governor Pritzker's Executive Order extending to May 30th, 2020, for the State of Illinois:

<u>Leaving the home for essential activities is permitted</u>. For purposes of this Executive Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following Essential Activities, and must follow the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in this Order, including wearing face coverings when in public or at work:

For outdoor activity. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements, as defined below, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, running, and biking. Individuals may go to public parks and open outdoor recreation areas, including specific State parks that remain open for certain activities, as designated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Fishing, boating, and golf are permitted only when following the guidelines provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Playgrounds may increase spread of COVID-19, and therefore shall be closed.

Full Executive Order and Enforcement click: https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Order2020-32.aspx

The Governor's office has specifically stated: "Beginning May 1st, two people will be permitted on a boat at a time. The two-person limit applies regardless of the relationship of the people to each other or whether they reside in the same household."

The Fox Waterway Agency continues to monitor the situation closely and seek additional clarification especially as we move closer to Memorial Day weekend. Also, we continue to advocate our waterway as being an ideal place to provide a safe and healthy alternative for your family that provides much needed fresh air and sunshine (Vitamin D) during these continued days of pandemic and isolation.

We wish you all the best, please stay well and hopeful!

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